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RADNOR, IN DELAWARE COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA,

CONTAINING CORRECTIONS OF ERRORS
IN ORIGINAL HISTORY AND IMPOR-
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MEMORANDUM OF ERRATA TO THE HISTORY OF OLD ST. DAVID'S CHURCH.

Page 26. For "Dr. Richard Wilton" read "Dr. Richard Welton."

Page 37. For "produced his accepts" read "produced his accpts."

Page 80. For "Tyron Lewis" read "Tryon Lewis."

Page 15. The will of Edward Hughes of Easttown, dated December 11, 1716, was proven May 14, 1720, and registered at Philadelphia in Will Book D, page 155. In it testator appointed his son Edward and friend William Davis, of Radnor, his executors, and his friend Thomas Edwards one of the tutors and guardians of his children. No mention is made therein of Radnor Church nor is there anything in the remotest way to suggest that the testator held Orders in the Church.

There seems to be no reason whatever to doubt the identity of this man with the one buried at St. David's, December 16, 1716.

Page 119. Evan Harry (the Elder) by deed dated 11, 21, 1717, reciting his contemplated marriage to Ann Edwards, conveyed 120 acres of land in Merion Township west of the present Wynnewood Station, Pennsylvania Railroad, to Thomas Edwards of Easttown, and William Davis of Radnor in trust for a life estate to said Evan and Ann, with provision that "in case the sd Evan and Ann should happen to leave but one child," then half of the land in fee to said child when of age.

The marriage was solemnized, and Evan died intestate, 1744, leaving one child, Evan, who by will dated July 2, 1748, and registered at Philadelphia in Will Book G, page 319, left a legacy of £50 to Radnor Church, £10 in one year from his mother's death and £10 each subsequent year until paid.

In deed of Ann Harry, widow, to Jane Warner, dated August 22, 1758, and recorded in Philadelphia Deed Book H, 12, page 138, the insolvency of the estate of Evan Harry, the younger, is recited, and the fact that his debts, including the legacy to Radnor Church, were advanced by his mother, who was his executrix.

This valuable information for which the author is indebted to Benjamin H. Smith, Esq., establishes the identity of the Evan Harry legacy with that referred to by Mr. Currie (St. David's Church History, page 58), and explains the delay in payment. It also corrects the erroneous statements made on page 119 of History of St. David's Church, and the inferences there suggested.

THE WELSH SETTLERS, 1718-30.

At the time of the Welsh settlement of Radnor Township—about 1685-90—and for many years afterwards, all of the Pennsylvania wilderness west of the Schuylkill River and extending to the northern and western boundaries of the State, was nominally at least, within the limits of the original Chester county; and so much as lay between the Schuylkill and Susquehanna rivers was called “Conestoga Township.” When Lancaster County was established, in 1729, that part of this wilderness along the Conestoga Creek, for about six miles westwardly, was called “Caernarvon” Township, and that part north of the Chester County line along the Schuylkill River to the Tulpehocken Creek, was called “Robeson” Township, and later subdivided into Union, Robeson, Cumru and Spring Townships.

Into this unexplored territory occurred the strange “Trek” of the Welsh settlers, referred to on pages 33-4 of St. David’s history. This movement of the Welsh began about 1718, and compacted mainly between Conestoga Creek, or the Welsh Mountains, on the south, and the Tulpehocken Creek on the north, and extending from the Schuylkill River to the mouth

of Muddy Creek. South of this Welsh settlement was that of the Scotch-Irish, and west and north that of the Germans.

The cause of this "Trek" is very obscure.

The explanation of Rev. George Craig [St. David's history, page 34] that they found their settlement "too confined," is far from satisfactory; neither does lust of adventure, or lust of land satisfactorily explain the act. It is more probable that each of these influences worked on the minds of men, already restive because of failure to secure the promised Welsh Barony, the object of the Welsh purchase.

The following brief biographical sketches of some of these Welsh Trekers, and reference to their work will be of interest because of their association with St. David's Church:

WILLIAM DAVIS [Davies in holographic will. Phila., F., 127]. From Radnor-shire, Wales. Prominent in establishment of St. David's Church, Radnor (see St. David's History, 4-14 and 15. Justice of Peace of Chester County, 1712 (2 Col. Rec., 561). One of the chief promoters of the "Trek." m. Ann Miles (sister of Richard Miles) and had children—Gabriel (prominent in history of Bangor Church), John, William, Ann, m. Evan Hughes, Mary, m. Hugh Hughes, agent for his father-in-law and Rev. Griffith Hughes, missionary, in warranting large tracts in Conestoga and Robeson township; Susanna, wife of Nathan Evans, and Elizabeth, wife of David Jones. Mirick [or Myric] Davis, one of early Wardens of St. David's and coroner of Philadelphia County, 1721-29, was also a son. Philip and Edward Davis were probably brothers of William. He died 1729.

He is to be carefully distinguished from William Davis, the Keithian Quaker, and later Baptist preacher, who was conspicuous in the early part of the eighteenth century, and particularly referred to in Dr. Sachse's Monograph on "The Sabbath Keepers, or Seventh Day Baptists of Chester County and their old Graveyard at Newtown."

HUGH JONES.—Chief promoter of the emigration which settled in Conestoga Township. Married (St. Paul's Church, Chester), December 12, 1706, Jane Pugh. Owner of about 250 acres in Easttown near St. David's Church, of which he was a communicant member. Removed about 1726 to Conestoga Township, where he located five distinct tracts—mill sites and fine farming land. Established an Episcopal Chapel in Cumru (whereof hereafter). Died September 19, 1734, aged sixty-two.

DAVID JONES, son of Hugh, married Lucy, daughter of Thomas Godfrey (she later became the second wife of Rev. William Currie, missionary), and removed to Tredyffrin, where he died 1771, leaving will providing for preservation of the church and graveyard established by his father (whereof hereafter).

To be distinguished from David Jones, who married Elizabeth, daughter of William Davis of Radnor.

THOMAS EDWARDS, son of Alexander, emigrated from North Wales, 1684, and settled in Montgomery Township. Active in establishment of Lancaster County. Removed about 1718 to Conestoga Township. Justice of the Peace for Earl, Cocalico, Caernarvon and Robeson townships, 1729-1745.

He is to be carefully distinguished from Thomas Edwards, of Easttown, Chester County, one of the Wardens of St. David's Church [see St. David's Church history, 14-15].

CADWALADER, ELLIS.—Made first settlement of 500 acres in Conestoga Valley, November, 1718.

Old St. David's Church.

THOMAS MORGAN.—One of the earliest settlers in Conestoga Valley. Donor of Chapel in Caernarvon Township, Berks County. [See Perry's Collection, 387.]

HUGH HUGHES.—m. Mary, daughter of William Davis, for whom he acted as agent in securing warrants. He is probably the same person who is mentioned in St. David's history, page 37, as "Treasurer to ye Congregation."

By these settlers were established about the middle of the eighteenth century, four English (Episcopal) churches, viz:

I. ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, Compassville, in Caln Township, Chester County. The original church was probably erected about 1720. (See Futhey's History, Chester County, page 275, and Perry's Collections, 182-3 and 370.)

II. BANGOR EPISCOPAL CHURCH at Churchtown, in Caernarvon Township, Lancaster County. The original church was probably built of logs about 1733, on vacant ground. Afterwards—May 24, 1738—the land was warranted to Gabriel Davis "for a church thereon to be erected." Yet later—February 21, 1755—the land was patented to Lynford Lardner and John Davis "the present church wardens."

This is evidently the church organization to which Griffith Hughes, missionary at Radnor, refers in his letter quoted in history of St. David's Church, page 31.

III. A STONE CHAPEL at Morgantown, Berks County (later known as St. Thomas') built about 1764-5 under provisions of will of Thomas Morgan, probated 1741 in Philadelphia. [See valuable article by B. F. Owen, Esq., "Tradition vs. Fact," Publicats. of Lancaster Co. Hist. Soc., vol. vii, page 59.] This is evidently the "new church" referred to in the letter of Rev. Thomas Barton to the Propagation Society dated August 8, 1765, found in Perry's Collections, page 387.

IV. A little chapel in Cumru Township, Berks County (referred to in St. David's history, page 42), probably erected about 1732 by Hugh Jones on a part of his 264 acre tract on Wyomissing Creek. The church and graveyard adjoining were picturesquely located on a bluff rising abruptly about 450 feet south of Wyomissing Road and 1600 feet east of the Flying Hill Road, on the farm recently acquired by the Society of the Maccabees for establishment of a home for their aged members. Of the church and graveyard no trace remains save the enclosed lands and a few unmarked graves. The record of the place has, however, been well preserved in a valuable monograph by B. F. Owen, Esq., on "The Welsh of Cumru," read before the Berks County Historical Society, September 12, 1899.

The codicil to the will of David Jones (son of Hugh) refers to "a small piece of land in Cumru Township . . . computed to contain $2\frac{1}{2}$ acres . . . whereon is erected an Episcopal or Lutheran church," and devised "one-quarter of an acre part of the aforesaid lot to and for the use of said church forever to be surveyed off so as to include the church and burying ground."

Whatever doubt this codicil suggests regarding the connection of this chapel is removed by the fact of Hugh Jones' connection with St. David's Church, and his legacy of "one bright bay young mare with star on her forehead" to Rev. Griffith Hughes, missionary there.

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF LAY DELEGATES FROM ST. DAVID'S CHURCH, RADNOR,

TO THE CONVENTIONS OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL
CHURCH IN THE DIOCESE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

1784-1909.

St. David's Church was admitted to membership in the Convention September 14, 1786 [see Hist. St. David's Church, pages 91 and 92], but no Lay representation of the Church appears to have existed in the Convention from 1788 to 1812 inclusive, except in the years 1789-1791-1792-1811. Nor did any Lay representation of the Church exist in the Conventions of 1816-1841-1850-1851-1861-1864-1865-1866.

NOTE.—The dates after each name indicate the earliest and latest time of delegate service, although such service may not have been continuous.

A.

Adler, Dr. John M.—1898-1899.

B.

Brooke, Benjamin—1845-1875. [Two (probably three) persons of the same name, undistinguishable, represented the church between these dates.]

Brooke, Hugh Jones—1842-1855.

Brooke, Jesse—1846-1857.

Brooke, John—1813-1818.

Brooke, Mark—1849-1871.

Brooke, William—1811-1822.

C.

Campbell, John—1840.
Campbell, W. John—1889-1892.
Carter, Henry—1837-1838.
Coates, Henry T.—1889-1909.
Coates, Joseph H.—1885-1909.

D.

DeHaven, Hugh—1792.

H.

Heysham, Dr. Charles S.—1852-1853.
Horton, Jacob—1826-1829.
Horton, John—1857-1867.
Humphrey, Thomas—1852-1854.
Hunter, John—1821-1839.

J.

Johnson, Barclay—1887-1888.
Jones, John—1789-1791.
Jones, Griffith—1844-1845.

M.

Mather, John—1854-1871.
Matlack, Isaiah—1859-1863.

N.

Niles, Hezekiah—1894-1897.
Norton, Isaac, 1830-1849.
Norton, James—1828-1829.

O.

Okie, Dr. Richardson B.—1891.

P.

Parke, William A.—1876-1899.

Pleasants, Dr. Henry—1858-1860.

Pleasants, Henry, Jr. (lawyer)—1875-1876.

R.

Rush, Murray—1886-1888.

S.

Sachse, Julius F. [Litt.D]—1882-1886.

Sargent, Dr. Gorham P.—1868-1870.

Sharp, Joseph W.—1868-1891.

Sheaff, Philip—1811-1825.

T.

Thayer, John B.—1871-1881.

W.

Wentworth, John Langdon—1873-1882.

Wetherby, Benjamin—1843.

Willing, Richard—1784-1787. [Representative at the preliminary meeting to establish the Convention and at first General Convention of the Church. Member of the first Standing Committee.]

Wilson, Elwood, Jr.—1879.

Wilson, George—1820-1827.

Wood, R. Francis—1900-1909.

LIST OF ADDITIONAL AND CORRECTED RECORD OF INTERMENTS IN ST. DAVID'S CHURCH BURIAL GROUND.

N. B.—Corrections in prior list are marked with asterisk*.

A.

Adens, Harriet, dau. Cloe and Jacob; negro; unmarked.

Adens, Mary Ann, dau. Cloe and Jacob; negro; unmarked.

Allen, Katharine Keen, wife James C., 1834-1909.

*Andrews, Caleb, d. 3, 30, 1842; 4st year.

Armstrong, William Chamberlin, M.D., 1858-1905.

B.

*Bailey, Wenona A. Williams, wife Julius A., b. 1, 7, 1864;
d. 12, 25, 1892.

*Barnes, Emily Leland Harrison, wife John Hampton, b. 3, 1,
1866; d. 2, 23, 1902.

Bernard, Rachel.

Black, George F., b. 7, 1839; d. 12, 1905.

Bodine, William Budd, D.D., b. 3, 10, 1841; d. 9, 28, 1907.

Broadbelt, Mary A., 1821-1909.

*Broadbelt, Richard, 1818-1869.

Brooke, Jesse, d. 8, 14, 1868; aged 74 yrs. 9 mos. 18 ds.
[Church Warden.]

Brooke, Mark, son Lewis and Annie B. G., d. 3, 1, 1865; aged
4 years.

*Brooke, Matthew, d. 9, 10, 1827; 44th year.

Brooke, Walter, b. 6, 7, 1862; d. 9, 18, 1906.

C.

*Campbell, Morris T., son John and Lucy, b. 6, 24, 1878; d. 4, 21, 1885.

Coleman, Madeleine Herr, b. 10, 3, 1882; d. 11, 22, 1892.

Cooper, Elizabeth (temporary mark).

Cooper, Israel (temporary mark).

Cooper, Rebecca (temporary mark).

Crosley, Charlotte W., wife Enoch, 1828-1906.

D.

*Dunn, Joseph, d. 11, 16, 1829; 44th year.

E.

Elder, Lucius W., b. 7, 18, 1851; d. 2, 26, 1907.

Elder, Helen R., b. 11, 30, 1884; d. 11, 24, 1894.

"Ernest" (a child's grave).

*Evans, Mary, d. 2, 11, 1755; 30 years.

F.

Farr, Nahan Y., 1831-1897.

Fox, Annie L., wife Nathan M., b. 4, 24, 1828; d. 3, 9, 1909.

Fox, Nathan M., b. 8, 28, 1833.

G.

Gardiner, Rebecca, 1842-1906.

*Godfrey, Thomas, d. 8, 24, 1756; 80 years.

Griffith, John R., d. 1, 7, 1908; 80th year.

*Groff, Carrie, wife C. H., b. 9, 11 1866; d. 12, 31, 1904.

*Grover, Margaret, b. 9, 29, 1800; d. 1, 26, 1868.

H.

Haas, Jane, b. 6, 22, 1815; d. 5, 4, 1903.

Hancock, Matilda McKennan, wife James, b. 8, 24, 1873; d. 11, 30, 1906.

Additional Interments.

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Halsey, Millicent, dau. [Rev.] Wm. F. and Elizabeth H., b. 6, 7, 1871; d. 3, 28, 1908.

*Haner, Susanna Bailey, b. 6, 30, 1819; d. 2, 26, 1860.

*"Hannah," d. 5, 20, 1874 [footstone marked H. M. K.].

*Heath, Margaret, wife Uriah, b. 10, 10, 1814; d. 8, 9, 1896.

Hibberd, Sarah J., dau. John and Rachel Campbell, b. 12, 7, 1829; d. 1, 25, 1903.

*Holgraft, Washington, d. 1, 20, 1847; 2 months.

Horner, Katharine Beale, d. 1, 21, 1906.

Horton, Mary S., b. 11, 19, 1843; d. 2, 8, 1909.

Hunter, Ann, d. 8, 2, 1774; 16th year.

Hunter, Hannah, d. 11, 21, 1803; 84th year.

Hunter, James, d. 2, 17, 1782; 71st year.

Hunter, Peter, d. 11, 6, 1779; 28th year.

I.

*Iredell, Caroline L., 1833-1900.

J.

Johnson, Margaretta Crawford, wife Leonard, b. 1863; d. 1906.

Jones, Robert, d. 4, 7, 1785; 87th year.

K.

Keyser, Eliza L., b. 7, 5, 1832; d. 6, 15, 1906.

*Kirk, Mary Ann Way, dau. Benjamin and Roseanna, d. 11, 27, 1866; 56 yrs. 2 mos. 26 days.

"Hannah," d. 5, 20, 1874 [footstone marked H. M. K.].

L.

Lentz, Joseph Kenton, b. 3, 28, 1843; d. 3, 7, 1908

Long, Cornelia, d. 12, 3, 1906; aged 44 years.

Loughead, Estelle Hunter Brooke, wife Isaac M., b. 9, 25, 1863; d. 1, 19, 1908.

M.

- Macue, John, son Samuel and Ann, b. 8, 6, 1739; aged 22 years.
- Margerum, Harriet Elizabeth, 1891-1906.
- *Maris, John H., son Howel and Mary A., d. 11, 25, 1846; 10 mos. 24 days.
- Maris, Mary A., d. 1, 25, 1904; aged 80 years.
- *Mather, Sarah, d. 3, 3, 1790; aged 58 years.
- Mather, Mary, b. 5, 11, 1836; d. 4, 10, 1881.
- Mather, A. Lindsay, Jr., b. 4, 29, 1874; d. 3, 6, 1878.
- *Mayhew, Moses, negro, Sergt. Co. D, 45th Regt. U. S. C. T.
- Miller, Ralph, son W. Bigler and Annie Wertz, b. and d. 8, 28, 1889.
- Mills, Paul Denckla, Jr., b. 6, 23, 1906; d. 5, 13, 1907.
- Moore, Anna Rebecca Burke, wife H. Jones, b. 5, 31, 1832; d. 5, 7, 1909.
- Moore, John H., d. 1, 27 1907; aged 86 years.
- Moore Philip, d. 8, 25, 1813; aged 64 years.
- *McAbee, H. Maria Gilbert, wife Jackson, d. 7, 2, 1888.
- McAfee, John, 1807-1896.
- *McAfee, Joshua T., d. 5, 11, 1867; 58th year.
- McAfee, Margaret M., 1823-1897.
- *McDermott, William, d. 9, 10, 1834; aged 34 years.
- McLear, William Z., 1866-1907.

N.

- Newhall, Eleanor Mercer, wife Daniel S., b. 7, 18, 1849; d. 6, 1, 1908.
- *Nicolls, George W., son James and Martha, grandson Samuel R. and Deborah Griffiths, d. 12, 29, 1823; 5 ys. 2 mos. 5 days.
- *Nuzum, Margaret J., b. 8, 5, 1843; d. 3, 16, 1867.
- *Nuzum, Thomas P., b. 6 20, 1840; d. 1, 24, 1881.
- Nuzum, William B., b. 12, 22, 1821; d. 4, 6, 1896.

Additional Interments.

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O.

Ottey, Mary Elizabeth, dau. S. Channing and Annie M., b. 4, 3, 1906; d. 12, 30, 1907.

P.

Packard, John Hooker, M.D., b. 8, 15, 1832; d. 5, 21, 1907.

*Parke, Dr. John Siter, b. 10, 1, 1828; d. 10, 29, 1865.

*Parke, Mary E., b. 9, 25, 1837; d. 10, 10, 1896.

Paul, Frances K. Drexel, wife James W., Jr., d. 6, 16, 1892.

Paul, James W., Jr., b. 8, 9, 1851; d. 9, 25, 1908.

R.

Reed, Alan Howard, b. 5, 9, 1851; d. 4, 14, 1906.

Rigby, John, b. 12, 2, 1836; d. 1, 15, 1907.

Rudolph, Martha, unmarked.

Rudolph, Morris, unmarked.

S.

Sharp, Joseph W., b. 1826; d. 1908. (Church Warden.)

*Sheaff, Mary, wife Philip, Sr., d. 1, 31, 1828; 94th year.

Siter, Adam, unmarked.

Siter, Jane, wife Adam (née Owen), unmarked.

Siter, Reece, son Adam, unmarked.

Smedley, Davis, b. 1, 8, 1831; d. 6, 19, 1906.

Smith, Edwin, carpenter, unmarked.

Steele, John Dutton, M.D., b. 2, 21, 1868; d. 5, 17, 1908.

T.

*Taylor, Slaton C., b. 11, 25, 1810; d. 8, 8, 1884.

Thudichum Vault.

Tilghman, Richard, b. 1, 24, 1865; d. 6, 12, 1906.

Tortat, Rev. Dr. A. E., 1831-1906.

Twaddell, Eliza Emily, wife John P., b. 10, 12, 1833; d. 11, 15, 1907.

W.

*Weed, Elizabeth, wife George, d. 1, 24, 1823; 52 years, 39 days.

Whelen, Henry, Jr., b. 8, 20, 1848; d. 5, 17, 1907.

White, Anna Rebecca, b. 10, 3, 1842; d. 8, 11, 1906.

Whiteside, Margaret, b. 4, 7, 1807; d. 10 29, 1871.

Williams, Margaret L., d. 5, 31, 1875.

Willing, Elizabeth Kent, b. 12, 20, 1905; d. 5, 1, 1907.

Wills, Michael, d. 10, 8, 1794; 86th year.

Woodworth, Charles, b. 12, 13, 1844; d. 8, 16, 1908.

*Worrall, Feddy, b. 2, 18, 1777; d. 3, 17, 1844.

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